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Viewing cable 08BUCHAREST906, PNL, PSD LEGISLATORS: BASESCU'S GOT THE MOJO IN

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08BUCHAREST906	2008-11-20 14:48	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Bucharest

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SUBJECT: PNL, PSD LEGISLATORS: BASESCU'S GOT THE MOJO IN
NAMING PM, FORMING NEW GOVERNMENT

Classified By: DCM JGuthrie-Corn, 1.5 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) Summary: In separate conversations, two prominent legislators—one PSD, the other PNL—noted signs of an incipient PSD stampede to form a
¶2. (C) PSD Legislator Victor Ponta told Polcouns on November 17 that voter apathy and the absence of an overarching campaign theme meant that
¶3. (C) On the possible formation of a PSD-PNL government, Ponta remarked that "There's no way to make it happen now except to suspend the Pres
¶4. (C) Noting the President's penchant for the surprise move, Ponta speculated that Basescu might propose a lesser-known figure as PM to keep
¶5. (C) Ponta said that if the election results conformed to the polling data, the PSD and PD-L could split the ministerial posts equally, with
¶6. (C) In a separate meeting with Polcouns November 18, PNL legislator (and PNL Central Bureau member) George Scutaru said that it had been a
main motive was to win a seat in order to acquire parliamentary immunity.
¶7. (C) Scutaru acknowledged that various parties were now beginning to talk about future coalitions, but insisted that the serious bargaining
¶8. (C) Scutaru opined that this gambit had a good chance of succeeding. Convincing individual party leaders one by one into joining an ad hoc
¶9. (C) In response to Polcoun's query as to whether a PSD-PNL move to suspend President Basescu was now less likely, Scutaru responded that B
¶10. (C) Comment: It was clear from our conversation with our interlocutors that a PSD-PNL coalition is no longer as likely
an option as it was a few weeks ago, and that enthusiasm is waning in both parties for the drastic option of suspending the President in order
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